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Ms. June Ringer
129 East Fairview Avenue, Apt. 2
Glendale, California 91207

Dear Mr. Ringer:

Thank you for your letter of September 12, 1996, to Kathleen McGinty, Director, White House Office on Environmental Policy. Director McGinty has requested that I respond to you directly. You wrote about your concern that the U.S. Air Force's low-level supersonic flights and bomb practices were jeopardizing the endangered Sonoran pronghorn antelopes in the Arizona Sonoran Desert.

The Fish and Wildlife Service shares your concern for the pronghorn and is presently working with the Air Force to assure that actions taken by the Air Force do not jeopardize the species. On September 3, 1996, the Air Force submitted a biological assessment to the Service regarding the effects of ongoing military activities at the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range on the Sonoran pronghorn. The Endangered Species Act prohibits Federal actions from jeopardizing the continued existence of a listed species. If, during this consultation process, the Service finds that the Air Force's actions are likely to jeopardize the Sonoran pronghorn, the Service will work with the Air Force to modify the action to avoid jeopardizing the species.

I hope this letter addresses your concerns. If you have further questions, please contact Sam Spiller, Supervisor, Phoenix Ecological Services Field Office at (602) 640-2720.

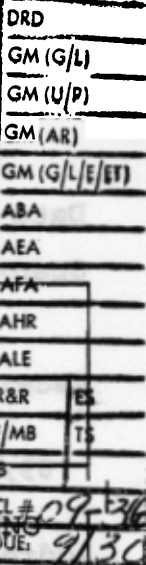
Sincerely,

John B. Starnes

Regional Director

cc: Secretary, DOI, Washington, D.C. (OES - 3 copies) ✓
Director, FWS, Washington, D.C. (CCU) (LS) (AES/TE) ✓
Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Phoenix, AZ ✓

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Addressee: Secretary Babbitt

From: Ringer, June

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Subject Text: Opposes the Air Force's continued use of the Sonoran Desert for bombing practice. The bombing jeopardizes the endangered Sonoran pronghorn antelopes. Ltr referred from CEQ(Umhofer) for DR. Please provide ES with a copy of response.

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September 12, 1996

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Kathleen A. McGinty, Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
360 Old Executive Bldg.
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Director McGinty:

Please oppose and work to stop the U.S. Air Force's continuing bombing in southwestern Arizona's Sonoran Desert that jeopardizes the endangered Sonoran pronghorn antelopes.

There are only about 420 to 550 of these Sonoran pronghorn left. Between about 120 and 250 of these endangered animals survive in the United States, and Mexico has a population of about 300.

I am outraged that the U.S. Air Force acts as if it is not covered by the Endangered Species Act, nor responsible to the vast majority of taxpayers who support the protection of endangered species.

The U.S. Air Force should immediately end its low-level supersonic flights and bomb practice in areas where the endangered Sonoran pronghorn may be present. This species' population is so low and vulnerable that even a few accidental deaths at the hands of the U.S. Air Force would be ecologically, legally, and morally irresponsible.

Thank you very much for considering my input.

Sincerely,



June Ringer

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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COMMENTS: PLEASE RESPOND DIRECTLY. THANKS.



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